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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.111 and 1.143

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 9, 2004, setting forth a requirement for restriction and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.111 and 1.143, Applicant provisionally elects, with traverse, Group I, Claims 47, 48 and 51-55, drawn to a plant delta-6 desaturase, and cells and plants transformed therewith, classified in class 536, subclass 23.6.

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